

Old Academy Building
Wiscasset, Maine

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"OLD ACADEMY BUILDING"

Wiscasset, Lincoln County, Maine

Owner

Town of Wiscasset

Date of Erection

1807

Builder

Wiscasset Academical Association

Present Condition

Interior finish has been considerably changed. Only one of the original interior doors remains. Exterior is practically as built. The south chimney has been removed and the north chimney rebuilt. Four fireplaces have been bricked up.

Number of Stories

Two

Materials of Construction

Foundation of stone and granite. Hewn timbers. Girders were squared, joist and roof timbers flattened, adzed top and bottom. Constructed of red brick, hand made "mud brick" varying considerably in size. Front face of building Flemish, sides and rear common bond. Twenty-four light sash with eight by ten inch glass. First story walls two bricks thick, second story walls one and one half brick thick.

Additional Data

Funds for the erection of the academy building were provided by the sale of four hundred shares of stock at one hundred dollars per share. The specifications for the building required "a two story brick building forty by thirty feet, twenty-one feet high, first story walls two bricks thick, second story walls one and one half brick thick, cellar seven feet high and one side and one end to be underpinned with hewn stone."

The building was used continuously as a school until 1923. It is now used as head quarters for the legion post and the first story is the polling place for the town of Wiscasset.

All information given here has been contributed by Joseph L. Neal, the draftsman who measured the building.

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